

# Proclamation

by

Steven L. Beshear  
Governor

of the

Commonwealth of Kentucky



*To All To Whom These Presents Shall Come:*

- WHEREAS, In 1978, Veterans' Affairs (VA) took over sponsorship of a program, the annual VA National Salute program, which was started in 1974 by No Greater Love, Inc., a humanitarian organization; and
- WHEREAS, This program seeks to honor hospitalized veterans, increase community awareness of the VA's role in providing comprehensive medical care to the nation's veterans, and to encourage Americans to visit hospitalized veterans and work as VA volunteers; and
- WHEREAS, Through the generations, America's men and women in uniform have defeated tyrants, liberated continents, and set a standard of courage and idealism for the entire world; and
- WHEREAS, To protect the nation they love, our veterans stepped forward when America needed them most. In answering history's call with honor, decency, and resolve, our veterans have shown the power of liberty and earned the respect and admiration of a grateful nation; and
- WHEREAS, All of America's veterans have placed our nation's security before their own lives, creating a debt that we can never fully repay. Our veterans represent the best of America, and they deserve the best America can give them; and
- WHEREAS, As we recall the service of our Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen, we are reminded that the defense of freedom comes with great loss and sacrifice;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, STEVEN L. BESHEAR, Governor of the Commonwealth of Kentucky, do hereby proclaim February 8-12, 2010, as

**SALUTE TO HOSPITALIZED VETERANS WEEK**

in Kentucky.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Frankfort this 8<sup>th</sup> day of February, in the year of Our Lord Two Thousand Ten and in the 218<sup>th</sup> year of the Commonwealth.

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STEVEN L. BESHEAR  
GOVERNOR

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Trey Grayson", written over a horizontal line.

Trey Grayson  
Secretary of State

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SECRETARY OF STATE

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